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CERTIFIED - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 19, 2002

Mr. Roy M. Rawlings
Vice President
Distribution Operations
Southern California Gas Company
555 West Fifth Street
Los Angeles, CA 90013-1011

Re: CPF #5-2002-0002

Dear Mr. Rawlings:

This office has reviewed your response to the Notice of Probable Violation (CPF #5-2002-0002), concerning late telephonic notification to the National Response Center. Based on your response, it has been determined that Southern California Gas Company was not late in making the telephonic notification in this instance. Therefore, CPF #5-2002-0002 is considered closed and the penalty action withdrawn.

Please note our office supports the reporting of an incident with undetermined damages that might accumulate to near or in excess of \$50,000.00 as a precautionary measure. If the damages are later determined to be less than \$50,000.00, then you can rescind that telephonic notification.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence or other pipeline safety issues please contact me at (303) 231 -5701.

Sincerely,

Chris Hoidal, PE
Director, Western Region
Office of Pipeline Safety

cc: Compliance Registry
DPS-28
Mr. Jeff Koskie, DOT Compliance - Southern California Gas Company
Ms. Zee Wong, Chief - Utilities Safety Branch, California Public Utilities Commission